

**LANGFORD QUARRY
LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
21st MARCH 2018**

ATTENDEES

Cllr M Dobson – Nottinghamshire County Council
Mr M Hankin – Planning Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council
Mr T Deal – Estates Manager, Tarmac
Mr D Coote – Production Manager, Tarmac
Cllr C Allen – Collingham Parish Council
Mr K Mawby – Quarry Manager, Tarmac
Mr J Harris – RSPB, Langford Reserve
Mr W Jackson – Collingham Resident
Mr A Hudson - Sustrans
Cllr M Davis – Collingham Parish Council
Cllr D Aldridge – Winthorpe & Coddington PC
Mr A Leary – Holme Parish Meeting

APOLOGIES

Mr B Jackson – Collingham resident

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Cllr Dobson chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.

2. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

- 2.1 Mr Deal updated members on the results of the archaeology geophysics works on the extension area which had been carried out in the autumn of 2017. The results showed evidence of a settlement on the “sand hills” area, being slightly higher ground close to the river. The geophysics results will be used to target the trial trenching to be done in 2018.

3. Company Update Report – Corporate Changes

- 3.1 Mr Deal explained that there were no further changes to report following the CRH acquisition in 2015 and some regional changes from 2017.

4. Quarry Update – Main Quarry Operations Report

- 4.1 Mr Mawby reported that sales have been a bit slower than in previous years due to making sure there is enough reserve to maintain production through to the autumn when the new permission should hopefully be available. It is planned to strip soils in mid September / October 2018
- 4.2 Restoration earthworks are complete in phase 3 to create the large new reed bed complex which will be handed over to RSPB later in 2018. An internal connecting sluice will be made so water can flow into the phase 2 and phase 1 areas.
- 4.3 The sluice outfall to the River Trent had been successfully installed.
- 4.4 Mr Coote stated he was very pleased with the progress made on the earthworks

(circa 350,000m³ of material moved) and the river sluice construction.

- 4.5 Cllr Dobson raised concern about the regular hgv parking in the A1133 layby outside Langford village. Litter and debris being discarded in the layby is becoming a local problem. Mr Coote acknowledged that and confirmed drivers operating out of Langford Quarry will be instructed not to deposit litter in the layby. Requires ongoing monitoring.

5. Quarry Update – Southern Extension Operations Report

- 5.1 Mr Mawby explained the workable reserves are likely to last only until October 2018. The sand and gravel under the conveyor will not be worked until the final retreat (in about 7-8 years time). Soil stripping will be required in September in the extension area.
- 5.2 Mr Mawby confirmed that Trent & Peak provide the archaeology watching brief. A single bronze age axe head had been recovered from the magnet on the processing plant and had been taken away by Trent & Peak for recording and preserving.
- 5.3 There is more water in the base of the quarry than normal due to high rainfall and snow melt. This will be pumped out to the main extraction area north of the Slough Dyke.

6. Update on South and West extension planning application

- 6.1 Mr Deal reported that the application, submitted in September 2016, could be determined at the Notts CC committee on 5th June. All matters are resolved apart from completion of the archaeology trenching and heritage setting reports. There will be a S106 planning agreement to complete before a planning application can be issued. Work on the agreement and draft planning conditions was being undertaken where possible.

7. Tarmac/RSPB report on Sluice Outfall to River Trent

- 7.1 Cllr Dobson confirmed she was not aware of any complaints from Collingham residents on the traffic using the Lane for the construction work.
- 7.2 Mr Coote appreciated the assistance through local input to help things run as smoothly as possible, particularly in respect of the use of Westfield Lane. All the work had been done safely and without incident.

8. RSPB Report – Nature Reserve Management

- 8.1 Mr Harris gave a report on the reserve. Habitat creation is still a prime focus. The reserve attracts around 7,000 visitors a year. The 2017 annual survey had revealed 64 breeding bird species. Highlights included: Bittern, Avocett, Bearded Tit, Nightingale.
- 8.2 Mr Harris stated that newly formed phase 3 area looks very good and should add around 35 Hectares (86 acres) to the existing wetland. The fencing of the public footpath around the southern and western boundaries will need regular inspection and maintenance.
- 8.3 The new phase 3 area will undergo aftercare as soon as Notts CC are satisfied it is restored. Tarmac and RSPB are working on the detail of the management agreement so that RSPB can warden the site in advance of the formal transfer of the land to RSPB in 2020 through the joint arrangement in place with Trinity College.

9. Reports from Parishes

- 9.1 Cllr Dobson reported that she was not aware that the parishes have received any complaints about Tarmac's operations at Langford.
- 9.2 Cllr Allen confirmed the Royal Oak is likely to be open in about 12 months time.

10. Report from Nottinghamshire County Council – Planning Officer

- 10.1 The current planning application was discussed in point 6.1.
- 10.2 Nottingham County Council continue with regular monitoring of the permitted operations.

11. Notts MLP Consultation - Update

- 11.1 Mr Hankin reported that the new draft plan is expected to be presented to 5th June 2018 committee for authority to publish consultation draft plan. The consultation will also include a draft Site Allocations document.

12. Tarmac Report on Planning timescales for Future Quarry Extensions

- 12.1 Mr Deal stated that the timescales for extension schemes for Langford Quarry will be influenced by the Mineral Plan and is unsure of the impact it will have on the extension areas for Langford. Matters will become clearer by the end of 2018, and have greater certainty when the Plan is finally adopted later in 2019.

13. AOB

- 13.1 Sustrans. Mr Deal explained the position regarding the potential Sustrans route at Besthorpe Quarry around the eastern edge of the nature reserve. This is currently a missing link. Tarmac are working on the matter in conjunction with the land owners
- 13.2 Mr Harris asked members if they were aware of any fresh progress about the Cromwell Weir hydro scheme. Members confirmed they had heard nothing, and concluded if EU funding had been withdrawn then a planning application is probably unlikely.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- 14.1 Wednesday 12th September 2018 at 4:30pm at the Quarry Office at Langford Quarry.

Notes taken by Mr Deal